

boys and 2 girls. She was converted and united with the Brethren in 1890, and lived a consistent member until death. During her sickness, by request, she was anointed in the name of the Lord. Her last days seemed to be the happiest. She was eager to go home, saying, "Meet me in heaven." Her remains were laid to rest in the Norcater Cemetery Tuesday Jan. 26. The funeral occasion was improved by the writer, assisted by brother John Garber of the G. B's., from I Thes. 5: 10. "Christ died for us, that whether we wake or sleep we should live together with him."

Farewell, dear Mabel, fare you well
Go to thy rest in peace.
No more shall sorrow press thee low,
No more shall trouble break thy sleep,
In that land of brighter scenes
No sorrows ever come,
Fare you well,
Fare you well.

C. FORNEY.

Messenger, please copy by request.

MARTIN.—Scuyler Colfax Martin, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Martin was born April 1, 1885, died January 18, 1897. In the midst of health, he was called hence, leaving father, mother, and 3 brothers to mourn their loss of one so near and dear, but we hope they may so live to meet once more where death shall never part them again. Funeral by
G. J. WOLTERS.

CARTER.—Nervey Jane Carter, wife of John Carter was born June 1, 1863. She departed this life Feb. 3, 1897. Mrs. Carter was the mother of 8 children, 1 of which preceded her to the land of rest. The youngest babe is but 8 months of age. A more sorrowful funeral we had not attended for a long time. The dear little children seemed overcome with grief which caused all present to weep. May God look down in mercy on this bereaved family. Funeral by
G. J. WOLTERS.

CAN YOU?

Can you ask God's blessing on that cigar you are just about to smoke?

Can you ask God's blessing on that frivolous book you are reading now?

Can you ask God's blessing on that business transaction?

Can you ask God's blessing on those theatre tickets you have in your pocket?

Can you ask God's blessing on the railroad train you are going to take on Sunday?

Can you ask God's blessing on that lawsuit you are planning to have?

Can you ask God's blessing on every thing you do?

Literary Notes.

The February *Chautauquan* presents for the introductory paper "Masterpieces of French Painting," by Horace Townsend, with excellent reproductions of some of the most famous French paintings. The variety and merit of the other articles testify more than ever to the rank of this magazine as a standard for home reading.

THE HOMILETIC REVIEW for February keeps up the pace set by the January number. It does not resort to syndicates and the scissors for cheap matter, but goes directly to the great authoritative thinkers and writers and secures for them their best thoughts on all the burning questions of the day, in which the preacher is supremely interested. In this way its articles are always original, timely, and of living interest.

In the Review Section of the present number, Prof. B. B. Warfield, D. D., LL. D., of Princeton Theological Seminary, discusses "The Indispensableness of Systematic Theology to the Preacher;" Dr. Cunningham Geike, author of "Life and Words of Jesus," "How the Preacher May Best Make his People Familiar with Christ's Life;" Rev. E. F. Burr, D. D., LL. D., author of "Ecce Coelum," etc., "The Missionary Problem;" Secretary Charles H. Payne, D. D., LL. D., of the M. E. Education Society, "The Coming Revival—Signs of its Coming;" Archdeacon Sinclair of London, "Men's Services," showing their great growth and value in Great Britain; and Dr. McCurdy, the distinguished Assyriologist, "Arabia in the Old Testament."

Among the Representative Sermons will be found discourses of marked power, from Dr. Joseph Parker, City Temple, London, on "The Evangelical Conception of the Gospel;" Dr. David Gregg, of Brooklyn, on "Why are there Not More Conversions?—Those who Will Not;" Bishop E. R. Hendrix, of the M. E. Church South, on "The Word of God not Bound;" "Thoughts for Washington's Birthday" is suggestive and will be useful.

The large number of brief articles—embraced under Hints at the Meaning of Texts, Suggestive Themes and Texts, Preachers Exchanging Views, Living Issues for Pulpit Treatment, Sermonic Criticism, Editorial Notes, Notices of Books of Homiletic Value, and Helpful Data in Current Literature—help to make up a freightage of useful material whose extent and riches can nowhere else be paralleled in all the current literature. The Review is making itself absolutely indispensable to the wide-awake, live preacher.

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The February Magazine Number of The Outlook contains the second installment of Mr. Justin McCarthy's "Life of Gladstone." The text describes Gladstone's course at Lincoln's inn; his early life in public office; his bachelor breakfasts at the Albany; his friends (Lord Houghton, Sir Thomas Acland and others,) and his readings in Homer, Lucretius, Dante and St. Augustine. We learn much of interest about the events which happened in connection with the death of King William IV and the accession of Queen Victoria. A chapter is devoted to a discussion of Gladstone's first book, "The State in its Relations with the Church" and of Macaulay's criticism. The most interesting chapter to us in this installment is that describing Gladstone's acquaintance with the Glynn family and his marriage with Miss Catharine Glynn. There is not a little of interest, also, in connection with Hawarden Castle, and there is

much of delightful reminiscence, not only of Mr. Gladstone, but of Baron Bunsen, Sir Robert Peel and others. Mr. McCarthy gives us an estimate of Gladstone's social, political and ecclesiastical ideas which is of the highest value in getting a complete portrait of the man. [\$3.00 a year. THE OUTLOOK COMPANY, 13 Astor Place, New York.]

The success of ex-President Harrison's articles in *The Ladies' Home Journal* has been so pronounced that three additional ones will be given. These are likely to prove the most interesting of all that General Harrison has written, in the sense that they will be more personal. His first paper will show what "A Day With the President at His Desk" means, giving glimpses of the President in his private office. His second article will deal with "The Social Life of the President," which will cover the President's obligatory social duties and his part in great State functions. The last article will go into the President's domestic life and portray "The Domestic Side of the White House." All these articles will be specially illustrated. This will be the first time that an ex-President of the United States has ever written of his office and of his home. The articles will all appear in early issues of *The Ladies' Home Journal*. Philadelphia.

WHAT THE SPIDER SAID.

"I was spinning a web in the rose vine," said the spider, "and the little girl was sewing patchwork on the doorstep. Her thread knotted and her needle broke, and her eyes were full of tears. 'I can't do it,' she cried; 'I can't! I can't!'"

"Then her mother came, and bade her look at me. Now every time I spun a nice, silky thread, and tried to fasten it from one branch to another, the wind blew and tore it away.

"This happened many times, but at last I made one that did not break, and fastened it close, and spun other threads to join it. Then the mother smiled.

"What a patient spider!" she said.

"The little girl smiled, too, and took up her work. And when the sun went down there was a beautiful web in the rose vine and a square of beautiful patchwork on the step."—*Babyland*.

BABY'S KISS.

MARY F. BUTTS.

I carried it with me down town,
I sipped at its sweetness all day;
It made me more patient with worrying work,
More thoughtful of what I should say.

And once in the thick of the fray,
When the flame of my anger flashed high,
I cooled with the thought of my baby's smile
As she kissed me a loving good-by.

When I thrust at my work-fellow's fault,
Whom I deemed in honor remiss,
I sheathed the blade of my scorn as I thought,
"He has no baby to kiss."

Whatever of pleasure or pelf
Thy father may haply miss,
God make him, my darling, more fit
Each night for thy welcoming kiss.

—Selected.